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Dear Hal:

First let me congratulate you on your decision to come to Wisconsin. This was almost as rightminded as the department's decision here to invite you. We are looking forward to our getting together with you. Temporarily we are ensconced in one of the labs. in the Bact. building, while the remodeling of Genetics proceeds. We should be back in our own quarters in a month or two. It has been rather luxurious up here.

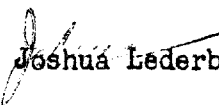
University Houses does sound to me like your best bet. Mrs. Stemm of our Housing Bureau should be in touch with you directly quite soon.

As to bringing Cohen here, I think you will have to bring this up when you get here— there's not much point in bringing it up sooner, as the Research Committee can act reasonably fast when it wants to. I think you are wise not to try to get everything nailed down hard before you come. Unlike some other places we know, the Wisconsin idea is to get everything for you that you can reasonably ask.

We had a nice, but brief visit with Jacques while ~~you~~ he was here for the Detroit Symposium. I gather you had not much chance to work on him, but I notice that Rickenberg's last paper hedges at least a little about what "preferential synthesis" means.

Give everyone our best wishes for the new year— and especially to Francois. Most of the confusion in our experimental results is due to the difference in Hfr strains, which behave very differently. But I will be writing him in more details, when we have more details to tell.

Sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg